

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning NELL

SPRING PROGRAM GUIDE

2016



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March 30

David Grabitske

Six Miles from St. Paul: the family and society of Sarah Jane Sibley

Sarah Jane Sibley was Minnesota's first state governor's wife, a "First Lady." The precedents she created endure to today, and were shaped by the places she lived and longed to live. Discover what home was for Sarah Sibley, and how notions of home impacted Sarah's efforts on behalf of historic preservation.



David M. Grabitske is the author of *Six Miles from St. Paul: the family and society of Sarah Jane Sibley*, the only biography of any of Minnesota's First Ladies. His day job is working with the more than 500 historical organizations across the state through the Minnesota Historical Society.

Books will be available to purchase after the program

Elim Lutheran Church • Clearbrook • 316 Fourth Ave S

Programs

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family and society of Sarah Jane
Sibley" Elim Church in
Clearbrook

April 6 Mark Bridge
"Historical Notes"
historic musical performance
Fosston Library & Arts Center

April 13 Renee Wendinger
"Orphan Train"
Good Shepherd Clearbrook

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"Racial Disparities"
Faith Lutheran Bagley

April 27 Jay Haapala AARP
"Fraud, Scams, Internet
Security"
Kingo Church Fosston

May 4 Chad Lewis-
"Gangsters of Minnesota"
McIntosh Community Center

May 11 Jim & Jan Strandlie
"Exploring WWII Sites"
Gonvick Community Center

May 18 Dr. Jay Coggins-
"Climate and Economics of a
Renewable Future"
Bagley Legion Auditorium

Programs start at 9:30 am
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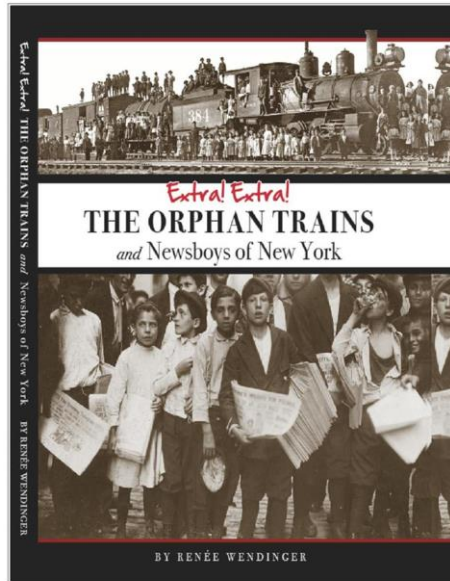
April 6 Mark Bridge

Historical Notes. A musical presentation

Much of American history of the can be taught in song. From the songs of the gold camps, the civil war, the Minstrel and medicine shows, people learn how music was a common thread in the 1800's. The music is presented in a traditional manner and played on the popular instruments of the period including the Boucher banjo, tambourine and bones. In all cases the oldest known lyrics to the songs are used to maintain the accuracy of the music. Traditional music from the 1800's is covered in detail along with fascinating tidbits of history from the Victorian era. Along with Mark Bridge, you will meet interesting figures from history- Pioneers, settlers, miners, outlaws, hucksters, soldiers and more. Every song and interesting piece of history is a small but important lesson about our national heritage.

Fosston Library and Arts Center • 403 Foss Ave N





April 13

Renée Wendinger

Orphan Trains

Renée Wendinger is from southern Minnesota and is the youngest of five children. Her mother, Sophia (Kaminsky) Hillesheim, 1917 orphan train rider, was one of the children of the orphan trains taking part in a phenomenal journey from New York City to the Midwest. As an avid historian, Renée has researched the epoch of the largest mass migration of children to occur in American history for decades. Inspired by her mother, Renée's orphan train books, **Extra! Extra! The Orphan Trains and Newsboys of New York**, and **Last Train Home: An Orphan Train Story**, embrace authoritative research with compelling stories from the people who “made history” aboard the orphan trains of New York.

Renée's writing style functions in concert with authentic photography reaching across the spectrum of academic and universal readership. The chronicles of the children of the train impart skillful arrangement within both volumes.

Renée is an expert speaker on the subject of the orphan trains and immigration experience.

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**Good Shepherd Church • Clearbrook •
116 State 92 SW**

April 20 Theresa Nelson

RACIAL DISPARITY IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota routinely ranks as one of the best states to live in for our quality of life, economic opportunities, educational opportunities. But we are failing our communities of color. By multiple measures, Minnesota has some of the worst racial disparities in the nation. While the state has experienced economic growth and lower unemployment rates, people of color have lost economic ground. While we have a relatively low incarceration rate overall, we have one of the highest incarceration rates for people of color. While our education system is top notch, it too is riddled with racial disparities. This session will examine the disparities in policing and our overall criminal justice system and discuss how we got here and what we as a community can do to ensure that communities of color in Minnesota are treated equitably.

Teresa Nelson is Legal Director for the ACLU of Minnesota where she leads the organization's constitutional law litigation program and engages in non-litigation legal advocacy to advance civil liberties in Minnesota. Nelson is a 1996 graduate of Hamline University School of Law.

Faith Lutheran Church • Bagley • 32 Bagley Ave NW

April 27 Jay Haapala

Fraud Fighters: How to Avoid Scams Con artists don't care how hard you worked; they steal billions from people like you every year. Today, people aged 50+ control over 70% of the nation's wealth and the scammers know it. They're using the telephone; U.S. mail, email, the Internet and they may even show up on your doorstep trying to get your money. For some, aging-related issues like memory loss can lead to vulnerability and new technology has made it easier for criminals to get access to personal information and savings. Understanding the latest trends and tactics in fraud can help us all protect our own savings, as well as people who are more vulnerable.

Jay Haapala is Associate State Director of Community Outreach with AARP Minnesota and leads the state's Fraud Watch Network, which serves to educate consumers about fraud, scams and identity theft volunteer programs.

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May 4

Chad Lewis

The Minnesota Road Guide to Gangster Hot Spots

Put on your zoot suit and follow in the footsteps of America's most infamous gangsters as they turned Minnesota into the land of 10,000 crimes. Filled with deadly bank robberies, explosive shootouts, brutal murders, and daring kidnappings, this book lets you discover the grisly locations where the gangster history will never die. Go on the lam and discover where: John Dillinger had his bloody shootout with authorities. Baby Face Nelson robbed banks and mowed down innocent bystanders. The gangsters' favorite hangouts where they danced the night away. The Barker-Karpis gang ransacked towns, bribed police, and killed anyone in their way. Wealthy citizens were kidnapped, held prisoner, and finally released.

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Lewis is an author, researcher, and lecturer on topics of the strange and unusual. He holds a Master's of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and has trekked across the world in search of unique and bizarre stories and history.

McIntosh Community Center • 115 Broadway St N

May 11

Jim & Jan Strandlie

Exploring WWII Sites from Norway to Normandy

Due to their interest in WWII Jim and Jan Strandlie have toured many WWII sites in England, France (Normandy), Germany, Sweden, and Norway. But what surprised them was the evidence yet remaining!!

Jim and Jan have created a program that presents many sites (from buildings to beaches) in the chronological order of events that took place during the war.

Gonvick Community Center • 170 Main St N

NELL FRIENDS MEETING

March 30

9:30- 9:45 am

- Our first 'Friends' Meeting!
- Input on future programs
- Review 2015 & 2016 programs & suggestions
- Update Friends on NELL activities

Coggins's Questions about climate change



- #1. Can this really be happening?
- #2. How did we get here?
- #3. What did we get in return for the CO2 emissions?
- #4. What do scientists say will happen if we stay on BAU trajectory?
- #5. Am I to blame?
- #6. Is a solution technologically feasible?
- #7. Why has progress been so difficult and so slow?
- #8. Can we afford to solve the climate threat?
- #9. How do we make it happen?

May 18 Jay Coggins

We Can Do This: Climate and the Economics of a Renewable Future

Ten or fifteen years ago, Coggins clung to the belief that, although climate change poses a real risk, the best approach now is to grow the economy. Then our kids and their kids, who will be richer than we are today, will be better equipped to solve the problem than we are. Besides that, he thought, perhaps between now and then some genius will invent a magic bullet that makes the solution painless. Prominent economists like [William Nordhaus](#) were talking this way in the 2000's. Then the [Stern Review](#) appeared in 2006 and he had to re-evaluate.

His view has now changed entirely. He is convinced that climate is an existential threat, a potentially calamitous crisis. But it is solvable and the economics run in favor of taking aggressive action now. This presentation tells his story, how he posed and answered to his own satisfaction a series of questions that led him to his current position: We need to act aggressively now.

Jay Coggins is a Distinguished University Teaching Professor in Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. He was raised on a small dairy farm in Northern Wisconsin. After completing a B.S. in Animal Science at UW-River Falls, he went on to complete a PhD in Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota in 1989. He has taught at Montana State University and the University of Wisconsin. In 1995 he returned to Minnesota to join the faculty in Applied Economics.

Coggins's research interests are mostly in environmental economics and environmental policy. He has published widely on clean air and water policy, with an emphasis on the role of market mechanisms in achieving greater environmental protection.

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